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LIMITATIONS ON OUTSIDE ACTIVITIES

RELEASE OF AGENCY INFORMATION TO PUBLIC INFORMATION MEDIA OF REPRESENTATIVES THEREOF

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1. Publicity concerning intelligence operations may be potentially detrimental to the effectiveness of an intelligence activity and to the national security.
2. Public information media are those written, oral or pictorial activities designed to inform the public, such as newspapers, radio, magazines, television, motion picture, newsreels, etc. Representatives of such media have, as their basic purpose, the collection and publication of all information of interest to the public, and in particular, information concerning the conduct of official business in the Government. This purpose may be, of course, in conflict with the policy set forth in paragraph 1 above. Consequently, all contacts between Agency employees and representatives of such public information media become of concern.
3. Advice with respect to relations of CIA and its employees with public information media and representatives thereof is centralized in the Office of the Director of Central Intelligence through an Assistant to the Director designated for that purpose, hereinafter referred to as the Assistant.
 - a. All inquiries from media representatives will be referred to the Assistant.
 - b. Employees of the Agency will have no contact with representatives of public information media for the purpose of furnishing official information for publication except with the prior approval of the Director or the Assistant.
 - c. In addition, employees will endeavor to avoid contact with representatives of public information media when it is reasonable to believe that such contact will result in publication concerning official matters unless authorized by the Director or the Assistant.

d. In view of the natural basic urge of representatives of public information media to publish and the consequent possible conflict with the policy concerning publicity in intelligence matters, employees are further urged to avoid contacts with such representatives which might result in the misuse or misconstrual of statements made by employees on matters of public interest. It is incumbent upon employees to be circumspect in their conversation and to avoid discussion of controversial public matters related to intelligence.

4. Unless otherwise specifically authorized by the Director, any conversation with public information media representatives, whether authorized in advance or not, will be reported promptly by the employee concerned to the Director or the Assistant to the Director. Such reports will be in writing and will give the name of the representative to whom the employee spoke, the publication represented, a summary of the information furnished or the matters of public interest discussed, and, if applicable, the reason for not having obtained prior clearance.

5. It is directed that the Assistant coordinate with the Director, or Deputy as Assistant Director concerned before and after responding to press inquiries on substantive matters unless the response given is "no comment."

6. This Notice supersedes any prior Regulations in conflict with its provisions and is applicable to all employees immediately upon issuance. Each office will make provision for periodically bringing this regulation to the attention of all individuals under the supervision of that office.

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